Statement of Basis

for Modification of NPDES Permit No. WA0037265 Issued to Pioneer Americas

In order to coordinate the submittal of Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing results with the permit renewal application, Ecology is modifying this permit to require the WET testing to be completed in the winter of 2006-2007 and the summer of 2007. This change reflects the requirements of WAC 173-205-030(8), which says:

The department shall require permittees that have not been assigned a whole effluent toxicity limit because of the determination in WAC 173-205-050 (2)(a), or 173-205-120(1) to conduct as a part of the application for permit renewal at least one toxicity test on a fish, an invertebrate, and any appropriate plant unless the permittee has been monitoring with rapid screening tests required in accordance with WAC 173-205-120(2).

The permittee will submit the results of both WET tests with the permit renewal application.